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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To encourage literature and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country.” – George Washington

“The life of the arts, far from being an interruption, a distraction, in the life of a nation, is very close to the center of a nation's purpose... and is a test of the quality of a nation's civilization.” – John F. Kennedy

“Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them—a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music.” – Gerald Ford

“I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.” – John Adams

“You see, I am an enthusiast on the subject of the arts. But it is an enthusiasm of which I am not ashamed, as its object is to improve the taste of my countrymen, to increase their reputation, to reconcile to them the respect of the world and procure them its praise.” – Thomas Jefferson

“There are no such things as limits to growth, because there are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination, and wonder” – Ronald Reagan

“We’ve got to support our artists and celebrate their work, and do our part to ensure that the American creative spirit that has defined us from the very beginning will thrive for generations to come.” – Barak Obama

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[John Philip Sousa's “The Stars and Stripes Forever” – Live at the 250th Marine Corps Birthday Gala](#)

United States Marine Band

[Beyond Words: Jamie Perez on Storytelling, Survival & Reinvention](#)

Midwest Mujeres Collective

[Overture Forever Campaign - Success!](#)

Overture Center

[Polka!](#)

PBS Wisconsin

[Poor Georgie \(original\) | Copper Box | Inspired by American Folk Music](#)

Copper Box

Wisconsin artists and arts organizations, do you have video that you’d like us to consider sharing as the Wisconsin Arts News Video of the Day? Send the link to artsboard@wisconsin.gov!

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW [Celebrating 50 Years of Black History Month in Wisconsin](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

NEW [Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)

UW-Madison

February 20 | Deadline: [2026 Writers' Room Workshop](#)

February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)

April 10 – 12 | Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium

Also

[WSOC 2026 Quarter Finalists](#)

Wisconsin Screenwriters Own Contest

NEW [The Art of Prescribing: Advancing Arts-Based Pathways to Health](#)
Social Prescribing USA
March 26 | Free Webinar

In recognition of Social Prescribing Day 2026, which is March 26, 2026.

NEW [Spotlighting Wisconsin - River Arts, Inc.](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [IS Resources Support Tech-Senior](#) (aka Grants and Information Specialist)
WiscJobs, Wisconsin Arts Board
Deadline: February 22

[2026 Co-op](#)

Travel Wisconsin

Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

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[2026 Co-op Sell Sheets](#)

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[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)

Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)

Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | February 13, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[IS Resources Support Tech-Senior](#) (aka Grants and Information Specialist)

WiscJobs, Wisconsin Arts Board

Deadline: February 22

Assistant Box Office Manager
Peninsula Players
Deadline: February 23

Also
Production Positions Available
Peninsula Players
Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director
Carpenter
Lighting & Sound Supervisor
Costume Shop Supervisor
Costume Technician
Prop Shop Supervisor
Props Artisan

Internship Opportunities
Peninsula Players
Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23

Executive and Artistic Director
Green Lake Festival of Music
Deadline: Now until February 28

Director of Communications
Children's Theatre of Madison
Deadline: March 1

Executive Director (Exempt)
Washington State Arts Commission
Application Deadline: March 1

Interior Architecture & Design Faculty (Full-Time)
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Deadline: Until Filled

Current Opportunities
First Stage
Deadline: Until Filled

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Playmakers, Grades 1-2)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Speech, Grades 3-4)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Scene Study, Grades 3-4)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Design, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Acting Theory, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Musical Theater, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Movement, Grades 5-12)

Fundraising Director
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: Until Filled

General Manager
Barrymore Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Development Coordinator
Opera for the Young
Deadline: Until Filled

Communications and Operations Manager
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project
Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!
World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

America's Invitation | Share Your Story
America 250
Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series
Creative West
Through September 8, 2026

Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open
Create Wisconsin
February 16 | Application Deadline

Also
Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts
Create Wisconsin
February 16 | Application Deadline

FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open
Wisconsin Arts Board
February 18 | Application Deadline

Webinar Series: Building Your Creative Career
Arts Midwest
February 18, 25

USArtists International
Mid Atlantic Arts
Deadline: February 25

2026 National Conference
American String Teachers Association
February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA

2026 Legislative Conference
National PTA
March 2 - 4 | Alexandria, VA

Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists
Deadline: March 2

SXSW EDU 2026
SXSW EDU
March 9 - 12

Fearless Science Forum: The Art of Seeing More
Morgridge Institute for Research
March 10 | Virtual and In Person

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026
Travel Wisconsin
March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round
Wisconsin Humanities
Deadline: March 16

FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program Now Open
Wisconsin Arts Board
Deadline: March 19

Telling Our Story: 2026 National Arts in Education Conference
Young Audiences Arts for Learning
March 25 – 27 | Washington DC

Advocacy Summit
Educational Theatre Association
March 26 – 27 | Washington, D.C.

2026 ABLE Assembly

Berklee Institute for Accessible Arts Education

April 10 – 12 | Boston, MA

Business of Art Conference V

Dane Arts

April 23 – 24 | Madison

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

American Alliance of Museums

Through January 16 | Super Early Bird Registration

May 20 - 23 | Philadelphia

2026 AAAE Conference

Association of Arts Administration Educators

May 28 – 31 | 2026, Boston, MA

Shape the future. Organize for Impact

AFTACON 2026, Americans for the Arts

June 2 – 5 | Albuquerque, NM

2026 National PTA Convention

National PTA

June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

International Thespian Festival

Educational Theatre Association

June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: July 9

Theatre Education Conference

Educational Theatre Association

July 22 – 24 | New York City, NY

2026 Biennial NAFME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference

National Association for Music Education

September 30 – October 3 | Long Beach, CA

Capacity Building Webinar Series

Creative West

Various

Online Workshops and Conversations

Creative Capital

Various

Webinars

Performing Arts Readiness

Various

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

Springboard for the Arts

Various

Upcoming Events

Access/VSA International Network

Various

IN THE NEWS

Visual Arts/Museums

Wisconsin museum treasurer admits to stealing \$70,000 from institution

MSN, ARTnews

2026 Spring Gallery Exhibition Call for Art

Impressions Fine Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 13

DNR Accepting Entries For Great Waters Photo Contest & Writing Project

Morning AgClips

Submission Deadline: April 1

Kenosha Sculpture Walk Seeks Artists and Sponsors for 2026–2028 Exhibit

The City of Kenosha

Deadline: April 30

Also

2026-2028 Sculpture Walk – HarborPark

Art Call

Deadline: April 30

Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS

Heyde Center for the Arts

Entry Deadline: May 31

Arts and Creativity in Education

Registration for MPS's Summer Academy Opens on February 16

Urban Milwaukee

February 16

[Cassellius Wants to Restructure MPS](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Virtual academy still offering personalized, flexible education in La Crosse after pandemic](#)
La Crosse Tribune

[Science and Technology Innovation Center opens, ushering in a new era of STEM education](#)
Royal Purple

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts in Health Today | February 2026](#)
Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida | College of the Arts

Community Arts

[Co-CEOs at Madison nonprofits make it less lonely at the top](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Why Ramadan is the most sacred month in Islamic culture](#)
History & Culture | National Geographic

Literary Arts/Libraries

[The Story Behind the Iconic Art Muscle](#)
Art Dose

[Tracy K. Smith | An Old Story](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[New Group Launches to Serve Wisconsin Filmmakers](#)
Florida Today, EIN Newswire

Performing Arts

Dance

['Locust Street Legend': Dancer known for creating smiles welcomes next chapter](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also
[See 'Locust Street Legend' describe his job search in the Milwaukee area](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

[Justin Vernon's Eaux Claires Festival returns this summer](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

Other

[Programming Joy: Cultural Strategy in an Age of Exhaustion](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[Co-CEOs at Madison nonprofits make it less lonely at the top](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

Visual Arts/Museums

[Ho-Chunk sculptor Truman Lowe honored in Smithsonian retrospective](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio
Through January 2027

[Food & Froth returns Feb. 21 for last time at current Milwaukee Public Museum building](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
February 21

[MAM Announces the Return of Art in Bloom, April 16-19, 2026](#)
Urban Milwaukee
April 16 – 19

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Spamilton: An American Parody at Viterbo on Friday](#)
La Crosse Tribune
February 20

[What to expect when 'She Kills Monsters' hits UW-Stevens Point stage](#)
Stevens Point Journal
February 27 – March 7

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Feb. 16-19, 2026](#)
Isthmus
February 16 – 19

Folk Arts/Folklife

Altan, renowned Irish folk band, to perform at Thrasher Opera House

Ripon Commonwealth Press

March 6

Literary Arts/Libraries

Marathon County Public Library programs

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Media Arts

'Kings of Kubb' Film To Premiere On April 30 At Pablo Center

Volume One Magazine

April 30

Performing Arts

Music

Madison's Big Sing

Isthmus

February 28

Presenting

Comedy shows bring laughs to downtown Eau Claire this week

WEAU

February 18, 19

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Ripon Commonwealth Press

March 6

Jay Pharoah

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

May 30

Theater/Opera

CVTG: Twilight Bowl (at the Grand Theatre)

Barron News-Shield

February 21

OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications
Volume One Magazine
Now Open

February 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadline: Various

The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Winter Cycle
Lynden Sculpture Garden and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Deadline: Until the funds for the cycle are exhausted

Residency Opportunities
Artist Communities Alliance
Various

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant
St. Croix Valley Foundation
Deadline: Rolling

Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies
Colossal
Various

The Creative Collab | Bronzeville Artist-In-Residency Mentor Program
Copywrite Magazine
Deadline: Rolling

Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines
City of Milwaukee Arts Board
Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.

America's Invitation | Share Your Story
America 250
Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events
Springboard for the Arts
Various

Are you raising impact capital for the creative economy?
UpStart Co-Lab
Deadline: Open

RJE Sprout Fund Invites Proposals From Artists Working With Underserved Communities
PND by Candid
Deadline: Rolling

[Call for Artwork](#)

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Monthly Review

[Terra Foundation for American Art invites LOIs for Convening Grants program](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: February 16 (Letters of Inquiry)

[Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open](#)

Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

[Which sculpture park is the best? Vote now!](#)

Readers Choice Awards 10 Best of 2026 | USA Today

Deadline: February 16

Be sure to vote for the Wisconsin entries: Dr. Evernor's Sculpture Park, Sumpter; and the Wisconsin Concrete Park, Phillips.

[Applications Now Open for 2026 Nonprofit Grants](#)

Greenleaf Media

Deadline: February 17

NEW [Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)

UW-Madison

February 20 | Deadline: [2026 Writers' Room Workshop](#)

February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)

[USArtists International](#)

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

[Apply for the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's 2027 Arts/Industry Residency](#)

Colossal

Deadline: February 28

[Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: March 1

[Application period opens for 2026 Arts Grants](#)

Madison Arts Commission

Deadline: March 1

[Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!](#)

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists

Deadline: March 2

[Artists invited to apply for 2026 Midsummer Festival of the Arts](#)
MSN, The Sheboygan Press

Registration Deadline: March 2

[Call for Proposals](#)

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

[Wisconsin Historical Society accepting nominations for 2026 Board of Curators Awards](#)

Tomahawk Leader

Deadline: March 10

NEW [2026 Spring Gallery Exhibition Call for Art](#)

Impressions Fine Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 13

[Get ready for a re-imagined fan-favorite exhibition](#)

Racine Art Museum

March 13, 14 | Drop-Off Submissions

No earlier than March 9 and no later than March 13 | Shipped Submissions

[Wisconsin People & Ideas Fiction and Poetry Contests](#)

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Deadline: March 15

[Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Issues Call for Artists for Gateway Mural Project](#)

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Deadline: March 15

[Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF](#)

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

[Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round](#)

Wisconsin Humanities

Deadline: March 16

NEW [DNR Accepting Entries For Great Waters Photo Contest & Writing Project](#)

Morning AgClips

Submission Deadline: April 1

[Register Now For The Bob-Ross Inspired 'Happy Little 5K' In Wisconsin](#)

B105 Country

Registration Deadline: April 1

[Green Lake Plein Air Festival](#)

Art MidWisconsin, Community Economic Development Associates, and Town Square

Community Center

Registration Deadline: April 1

Teens invited to enter Fond du Lac photo contest by April 10

Fond du Lac Reporter

Deadline: April 10

Miller Art Opens Applications for its 2026 Residency Program, Celebrates Program's Continued Growth

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: April 17

NEW Kenosha Sculpture Walk Seeks Artists and Sponsors for 2026–2028 Exhibit

The City of Kenosha

Deadline: April 30

Also

NEW 2026-2028 Sculpture Walk – HarborPark

Art Call

Deadline: April 30

Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: April 30

Call For Artists In Sister Bay

Door County Pulse

Deadline: May 1

NEW Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS

Heyde Center for the Arts

Entry Deadline: May 31

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The Community Mosaic Project

The Hardy Gallery

Deadline: June 21

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: July 9

Beyond Words: the Dollar General School Library Relief Fund

Awards & Grants | American Library Association

Deadline: None. Monthly Review

Open Grant Solicitations

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs | US Department of State

Various

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